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Conference Charges Students to Reach a Dying World

Rhonda Carnahan
 Staff Writer

Hell. It is a place most people hear about, but few people give it serious thought. Christians are perhaps the most acutely aware of hell's presence, yet the reality of its horrors are ignored. It may be because of this apathy that Christians are reluctant to share with others the forgiveness that comes from Jesus Christ.

The focus of this quarter's missions conference was on identifying and overcoming this apathy. "Pursuing a Passion for a Perishing World" was the theme, and throughout the week students were reminded that as Christians, they should have this passion.

Dr. Joe Jordan, Director of Word of Life Fellowship International, was the evening speaker for the week-long conference. Jordan stressed the word "passion" as the element that is missing in many Christians' lives.

Jordan said that he felt so few were going into the mission field because Christians do not care, they fear where God may take them, they feel guilty about the times they failed God before, and they have spiritual cataracts - they do not see the world as God sees the world.

"The tragedy of the church of Jesus Christ is that we've become too sophisticated. We've lost feeling," Jordan said.

Jordan's concern for believers and genuine heart for the lost was especially evident in his message on the callousness of prejudice. Jordan questioned the student body on whether they would keep salvation for themselves or go and give it to others. He said that to withhold the gospel showed a greater prejudice than what Hitler had, and that withholding the gospel had even greater consequences.

"What about the three billion people who never hear the gospel? What greater prejudice can there be than that? The problem is that many Christians can hear what I just said and not feel a thing. Nations upon nations will live, die, and go to a Christless hell because we have more self-pity and self-love than almost any place on planet

earth," he said.

More than forty missionaries representing twenty mission agencies came to Cedarville for the conference. Booths displaying photos of people from around the world were

to do with their lives than the juniors and seniors are. It's very encouraging to come and talk with those who are really on fire for the Lord. The MIS program here is also encouraging to me," he said.

David and Donna Soliday, regional representatives for Unevangelized Fields Mission (UFM), have represented UFM to Cedarville students for three years. Donna Soliday also said that she

of them. If we don't have what the student is looking for, I often direct the student to another agency that does have what the student is looking for. I often say that we present windows of opportunity and let the Holy Spirit do the recruiting," she said.

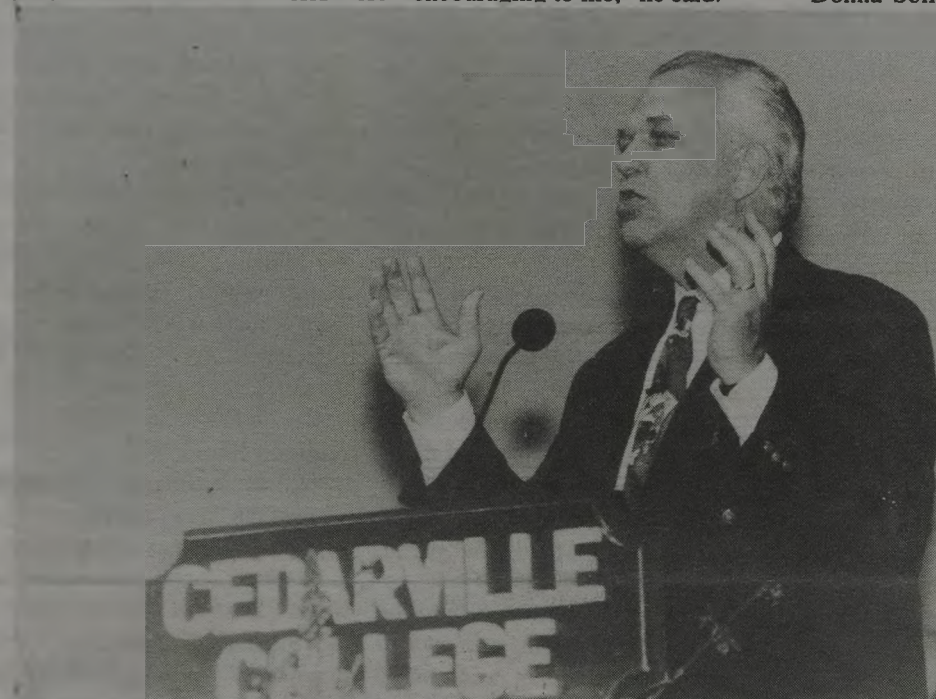
Through the special speakers, information booths, special seminars, and video presentations, Cedarville students were presented with the many opportunities to demonstrate a passion for a perishing world.

Emily Hodel, a junior elementary education major, is preparing for her second MIS experience to South Africa this summer. Hodel said that she appreciates the challenge that comes with every missionary conference.

"I love the missions conferences because they remind us how important it is to be sharing the gospel no matter where you are. It is a good challenge even to those who aren't called to the mission field. We are to be a good witness no matter where we are or what we do," she said.

In Jordan's final message, he reminded the student body of the privilege and responsibility that comes with being a child of God.

"It is a privilege to be called by God and to serve God. To be an ambassador for Christ is the greatest thrill anyone could ever have. There comes a time that what God has given us to use, we abuse, and then we lose," he said.



Dr. Joe Jordan, Director of Word of Life, spoke on a passion for reaching our world during the 1996 Spring Mission Conference. Photo by S. Huck.

in the College Center, Chapel, and ENS building.

Brian Nester, Director of Missions Involvement Services (MIS), was responsible for organizing much of the event with assistance from his secretary Shirley Johnson.

"One of the most important reasons we have this conference is to expose the students to the reality of missions. It's something for everyone to consider. There are a variety of personalities, gifts, talents, and needs in missions as well as a wide variety of mission boards. We are a diverse college family, so we want to represent diverse mission opportunities as well," Nester said.

Nester said he has heard good comments from the missionaries concerning the student body's interest in what is happening in the world.

Bud Coutts, regional representative for Gospel Missionary Union (GMU), has represented GMU at Cedarville for two years. He said that he had many students stop by his booth.

"A number of students come to talk. I have seen mostly freshmen and sophomores who are perhaps more uncertain as to what they want

Coutts said that his main purposes in representing GMU was not to recruit for GMU itself.

"I let the students know that GMU is here whether for short-term or long-term missions, but I feel privileged just to come here and encourage students to be involved in missions in general, not just GMU," he said.

has seen interest from the freshmen and sophomore class, but most of her contacts have been with those whom she has talked to in previous years.

Like the Coutts, Donna Soliday said that she does not come here just to represent her organization.

"There are a variety of ministries, and one agency can't cover all

Does BBS Block Honest Dialogue?

Beverly Keist
 Lead Writer

Not long ago, technology opened a whole new world to computer users. The Internet was hailed as the latest in communication; within minutes, even seconds, our thoughts and ideas could be read by users anywhere in the world. This efficient system delighted all who realized its potential for improving society.

Now we are accustomed to the system, and we are discovering that the Internet is not without negative aspects. Originally intended to en-

hance communication, it can act as a barrier to the honest exchange of ideas.

This is true of many Internet functions, from Usenet talk groups to electronic mail. Let us consider bulletin board systems (BBS) as a microcosm of the whole.

Staring at computer monitors and reading user posts, BBS'ers can easily find themselves becoming engulfed in a different perception of reality, a reality in which truth is communicated via a keyboard rather than face to face. Often a user's perception of truth becomes twisted

along with his view of reality.

Anyone who has had contact with a BBS knows how easy it is to alter one's identity. With a different handle (user name) and the option to hide information required to create an account, a user has freedom to become someone else. In doing this, he twists perceptions of truth, though unknown to his correspondents. Often this manipulation, whether intentional or unintentional, occurs when users view the BBS as a game rather than reality.

Many users present themselves

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Left-Wing Republicans Seek to Take Party For Their Own

Trip Radtke

Contributing Writer

I recently watched a press conference held by special interest groups involved in forming the platform of the republican party for the 1996 convention. Among these groups were the Council of 100, the Republican Gay Caucus, and the Republicans for Choice. These groups represent the liberal agenda of the GOP, as well as those who dream of General Colin Powell in San Diego, accepting the Republican nomination.

The primary objective of this briefing appeared to be less a description of the parties changing platform, and more a condemnation of Patrick Buchanan and Dr. Alan Keyes.

Representative after representative explained, in their minds, why Buchanan and his views are wrong for the republican party. The gentleman from the Council of 100 stressed that Buchanan's rhetoric regarding trade and jobs as dangerous, which I admit is open to debate, but then went further to say that those views were not as dangerous as his beliefs regarding society and the family.

Buchanan has consistently gone to bat for voluntary school prayer, the posting of ten commandments in classrooms, and the strength of families. He has also been the only GOP candidate, with the exception of Dr. Alan Keyes, to defend the innocence of the unborn child without disclaimer.

Are these the views of a dangerous man? The danger in Buchanan's moral convictions lies only in the threat it poses to those who would push the republican party more to the left in 1996. We need to ask ourselves where the values of the three previous GOP campaigns are. Why are those who speak biblical truth in politics labeled as hatemongers and extremists?

The woman from Republicans for Choice took the podium next saying, "the republican party is a party of inclusion, not hatred and bigotry and religious extremism, which is precisely what Mr. Buchanan preaches."

The woman went on to quote the late Lee Atwater, George Bush's bulldog campaign manager in '88 (noticeably absent in '92), as describing the Republican party as the "big tent." I agree there is room for differing views within a political party, but when the party forgoes beliefs it has long held in an attempt to gain new votes, where is the dignity in that? The GOP has been known for conservative values since the Goldwater era.

These principles in recent years have included the right to life and the strength of the family headed by a husband and wife. These views, which before were unwavering, now seem to be under attack by the liberal republicans.

The woman from the Republicans for Choice went on to say that if the republicans are to win the White House in '96, the party needs to reach out to all the different "de-

mographic" groups; the pro-choice, the gay community...etc. Tanya Melich, a republican pro-choice editorialist for The New York Times, echoed this opinion in a recent column,

She said, "...push the convention to adopt a platform that respects all women and that reaffirms what has been lost in the last 16 years: the party's traditional support for the separation of church and state. They can organize the delegates to drop the anti-choice plank that has been in the platform since 1980. They can work to insure that the vice-presidential candidate is not an ideologue beholden to one religious point of view. Without these actions, it is doubtful that the republicans can win the general election."

I believe that a majority of those in the religious right would rather fight a losing battle and maintain the social conservative values in the platform than kneel to the disaffected independent voter by lowering the party's standards regarding morality.

The next gentleman to speak was the chairman of the Log Cabin Society, a republican think tank. He spoke on the divisiveness of the religious right, stating that parties ability to gain the votes of independents and moderates would be greatly affected by the influence of the "right." He then went on to blame Buchanan's '92 "cultural war" convention speech for the significant loss of independent and moderate votes in that election.

This led a member of the press to

question, "does this mean you and your colleagues in the GOP intend to bar Mr. Buchanan from speaking at the convention?" To that the chairman responded, "Unless Mr. Buchanan re-evaluates many of his beliefs and apologizes for his statements of hate and bigotry, yes, that is correct."

I know Buchanan to be a man who speaks his mind and a man of great conviction; that is his appeal to many. Buchanan will surely not apologize for his views. If the GOP is successful in barring him from speaking, we will see a situation very similar to the pathetic display put on by the democratic convention in '92 when Bob Casey, then governor of Pennsylvania and our greatest pro-life statesman, was forbidden to speak.

I believe that the convention will be forced to acknowledge Buchanan's great support base, and will allow him to speak. The republican leaders will be unable to ignore his strong following, just as the Bush campaign was forced to deal with Buchanan's nearly three million votes in '92.

William F. Buckley, Jr. has described the "new" republican party as "fiscally conservative, socially moderate." Socially moderate? Do we as Christians want the party to move to the left? Is the GOP forgetting who helped bring them the new congress in '94?

The republican administration should not discount the influence of organizations such as the Christian Coalition, Concerned Women for

America, or Phyllis Schlafley's Eagle Forum, whose political influence was noticeable in electing the new congress.

In this election year, the GOP cannot afford to disregard the Buchanan and Keyes supporters. If the GOP continues to publicly malign Buchanan and Keyes, as well as their supporters, many of those voters could possibly end up supporting a third party candidate such as Ross Perot's Reform Party candidate.

That candidate would then pull votes away from the GOP candidate as Perot did in 1992 when he received 19 per cent of the vote, effectively destroying George Bush.

There has always been a place in the republican party for those of strong religious conviction, but it appears the party is taking for granted the power of those voters in its attempt to tailor its platform to the independent and more liberal voter. This is a sign that the party knows it has an uphill battle to displace Clinton, and they need to enlist all the help they can get.

In this next election, I hope the republican party maintains its stand on abortion and its emphasis on family values and morality. If these recent shifts to the left go unchallenged by social conservatives, the traditional differences between the two parties may soon become limited to views on entitlements and the budget.

Daren To Be Different: It's Spring and Love (Love?) Is in the Air

Daren to be Different

Daren Houck

It's spring again. And you know what they say: in spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of...BASEBALL! Yes! The season has begun with the smell of dust and grass in your nose, the feel of wood and leather in your hands, and the sound of vendors and a roaring crowd in your ears. But that has nothing to do with my column, so let's go to the second thought: love.

Yes, in springtime, love is in the air. People's demeanors change spring quarter. Guys wear ties again, shave the growth off their chins, and exercise outside. Gals wear dresses and skirts, do their hair in the mornings, and put an end to the pic-a-date. Couples seem to form on every sidewalk and in every park within forty-five miles of Cedarville, sometimes even further. I've also noticed that communication seems to hit a new level in the spring. "We're going to the park to talk for a while." (Oh yea, sure—

I've heard that one before!). So that is what I'd like to talk about: communication.

To test this, I asked three members of each sex how spring break was. The guys gave me replies such as:

"So, who is right?
What do we do?
Both sides are right
— we both think that
we make sense..."

I heard a very interesting statistic a couple of weeks ago. Guys (on average) speak 10,000 to 15,000 words a day. Women, on the other hand, speak 35,000 words a day. Wow! That's quite a big difference.

"sweet," "awesome," and "kickin'." The gals responded with about a three to five minute monologues about their whole break.

Sometimes it's hard to believe that a guy can really tell his feelings

in two or three one-syllable words. But guys really can do it. Example: "What are you thinking about?"

"Food."

"How do you feel?"

"Hot."

You see, the guys feelings are there. I think the problem is that we don't explain more about those feelings. Things like, what kind of food are you thinking about, and what made you think of them? Or why do you feel hot and what do you want to do as a result? The outside scenario needs to be built up a little more — you know, like IBS: the historical setting, the author, the time written, and so on.

Sometimes the feelings that we do verbalize don't make sense because the feelings surrounding them aren't spoken to explain why we have them. Don't always give the core alone, guys, but the whole apple.

The ladies seem sometimes to give too much of the outside sce-

nario and not enough of the root. In the past I have asked my girlfriend what's wrong, and after the "nothing's" and "I don't know's," I got all of these problems that came out of the original problem.

It seems like females give you all of these warning signs made of words and expect you to figure out the real problem. It would be better to give the problem up front and then build the scenario around it. More is not always better; make your words count.

So, who is right? What do we do? Both sides are right — we both think that we make sense, and the other side is so confusing. But as I always say, let's meet halfway. Balance is always the key. (That almost sounds like the easy way out, doesn't it?). But hey, I only write for a small college newspaper writing some goofy column. Regardless, please remember this: wherever you go, you are always there.

The New Rock & Roll: Where Do These Guys Come From?

Danny Cook

Assignment Editor

The February issue of *Guitar* magazine ran an article entitled "The Fifty Greatest Rock Guitar Records." The authors took what they thought were the ten most innovative albums of each decade from the 50's to the 90's. Here's a breezethrough of some of their choices beginning with the 60's: Jimi Hendrix, *The Rolling Stones*, *The Beatles*, and *The Who*. The 70's: *Derek and the Dominos*, *Led Zepelin*, Miles Davis, *The Eagles*, and *The Remones*. The 80's: *Cheap Trick*, and *Van Halen*. The 90's: *Nirvana*, *My Bloody Valentine*, *Jane's Addiction*, and *Smashing Pumpkins*.

The authors say they chose the artists based on how influential their music was to guitar, but I noticed something more interesting than innovative chord progressions. Looking at the albums on a timeline from Elvis to *Nirvana*, I saw that each decade's rock had a different attitude, an attitude that always mirrored the young counterculture of its day.

Most recently, the rock scene has changed again, this time to so-called "grunge," which might explain why a month ago I saw a third grade girl ice skating in a flannel shirt, chains hanging off her wallet, bell-bottoms drooping over her skates to the ice, and a Napalm Death T-shirt. Grunge has an attitude, and it's not the feel-good stuff of the eighties.

There is an important question to ask about all this—the same question Hegel once asked about history—why the all the shifting about? Why does rock culture evolve so quickly? (Or, depending on your perspective, why does rock culture devolve so quickly?)

Here is a possible theory:

In our capitalist society, rock and roll has never been its own beast. It is not free but is instead owned by the people buying the albums, members of the youth counterculture. Actually, having a counterculture at all is a relatively new phenomenon. In his book, "The Kandy-Kolored Tangerine-Flake Streamline Baby," Tom Wolfe explains how youth culture began in the boom years after World War II. Here, for the first time in history, the young had enough money to network their own private society. They wanted something different from an "indolent" adult society,

They took a music all their own, rock and roll. And, to a certain extent, almost all rock and roll, from the 50's until today, has had two things in common: It wants to rebel and it wants to be different. Imagine

a photo spliced with the images of Elvis (50's), Jimi Hendrix (60's), Jimmy Page (70's), Axel Rose (80's), and Eddie Vedder (90's). What do they have in common besides a stoic stare and a cigarette hanging on their lower lip like someone had stapled it there? Rebellion.

Rock and roll is about rebellion. It is in its nature to find the path of greatest resistance: Even if American culture suddenly became a paradise—a beachhouse, Ferrari, and fully functional family for everyone—rock and roll would wedge its beat-up guitar cases into a tour bus, pick up a few changes of sackcloth, and sing about the horrors of happiness. Honestly.

Since society is constantly changing, rock and roll must keep scuffling around to oppose it. Here's an example from our own wonder years, the 80's.

In the 80's, a piece of society still opposed the blatant moral leper. This element clung to some standards, raising their eyebrows at dishonesty, adultery, abortion, banality, and so on. So, if you were a moral leper (and there were plenty), you probably kept pretending you had fingers and a nose long after they were worn away. Rock in this decade, though, walked over to the element of prudent, moral, earnest culture and spit tobacco juice

in its face. The songs of the 80's were an orgy of sex, beer, and fun with the boys.

Unless you never rode on a bus or went to a roller rink, you know the sound: It had a wild-perm, pegged pants, stone-washed jeans, Garbage Pail Kids attitude. Some of the bands were, *Van Halen*, *Warrant*, *Slaughter*, *Bon Jovi*, *Roxette*, and *Love 'n Rockets*, and *Def Leppard*. Of these, let's just look at *Def Leppard*. You'll be glad to hear that they just came out with a greatest hits album. Peruse the song list, and if you are clever you may see a common theme: "Love Bites," "Have You Ever Needed Someone So Bad," "Hysteria," "Rock of Ages," "I Wanna Rock and Roll," and "Animal." We might say 80's rock was about gyrating flamboyantly around all the stodgy, priggish adults. The rockers took time-outs only to quaff a beer or play arcade games.

The 90's still has its hedonistic rockers. But, we have to admit that rock culture has really had to shift gears in order to keep opposite the adults. Gradually, the adults had started agreeing with them, becoming more and more blatantly hedonistic, more happy-go-lucky, more New Age—isn't this a wonderful world, more do-your-own-thing, more Gather-Ye-Rosebuds-While-Ye-May.

Once this society started agreeing with the hedonism of rock, rock lost its style; it lost its pathos and fury. It was no longer a counterculture. Eventually, the youth wanted a new rebel flag to rally under, and in the early nineties they found it in the seedy dives of Minneapolis and Seattle—they were bands from the punk tradition, but became what we call "alternative."

At the risk of oversimplifying, let's call them nihilists (comes from root nihilo as in ex nihilo). They believe everything is meaningless. They sing like their world is a tale full of sound and fury signifying—that's right—nothing. Catch these lyrics from the song "Name," by the *Goo Goo Dolls*, the music of which was in the same issue of *Guitar*: "Didn't it make you sad to know that life is more than who we are/ we've grown up way too fast and now there's nothing to believe/re-

runs have all become our history."

Now, is it that bad? Are all youths out there being obliterated by the abhorant evils of the nineties? Some are. They do feel the despair of broken families and the weight of the wickedness around them. But, is that why they listen to rock and roll? I don't mean to be cynical; the answer is no. There have been many bad eras in history without a youth culture that mopes about like a gaggle of morticians. Our youth, like the youth of the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's, chose their culture primarily as an identity. A protest. They bought nihilism at the same store they got their flannels, straight hair, and goatees.

But, never fear, rock and roll will find the path of most resistance, and if society changes again, you can bet rock and roll will turn to meet it. In ten years we may be back at hedonism.

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White and Farris: Different Backgrounds, Common Goals

Ben Barnhart

Contributing Writer

With the elections over, campus returns to its normal frenzy of assignments and deadlines. Though the lives of most students may be somewhat normal again, the lives of Brian White and Christy Farris have become more complicated as they prepare to step into the positions of SGA president and vice-president this fall.

White and Farris both grew up in Virginia, although in very different cities. Farris was born in Lincoln, a rural town near Harper's Ferry with a population of 500. She is the oldest of nine children and was homeschooled.

White grew up in Chesapeake, an area with just more than 200,000 residents. Unlike Farris, White is the youngest of two children and attended a Christian school with about 700 students where his father superintends.

White says he often comes across as conservative and formal. He attributes that to the public life he experienced growing up.

"I've grown up in a very public family because my dad was the administrator at a large Christian school. Everyone knows you, and it seems like you're on a pedestal a lot. So I've been careful to choose

friends that I know are real. Some people will take that as being reserved and quiet, and I'm really not like that with the people I know and trust. I'm very guarded of my privacy, but I've learned that I have a love for people that I didn't have when I first came here."

Farris describes herself as someone who is energized by opposition.

"When I worked for my dad as a press secretary, the media was very hostile to our campaign. That really energized me to see that they were against us, but that what we were fighting for was right. One of my

driving passions is to see Christians involved in culture and issues in our society," said Farris.

White is a speech education and history major who enjoys playing a number of sports but especially basketball. It is a dream of his to be a basketball coach. He said that his life goal is to work with college age adults and sees himself in an administrative position in a Christian ministry.

Farris' dreams include hiking the Appalachian trail and riding cross country on her road bike. She is majoring in political science, and her life goal is to see Christians involved in the media and politics. She says that it is a mission field.

"I'd love to be involved in some way of energizing Christians to get involved in those areas because I think they've really been taken over by the secular world. Some people see them as dirty areas of life, and I think that is why there is such a great need," said Farris.

Both White and Farris say they are glad that they ran together.

White said that considering to run depended on who was running with him. He sees Farris as someone he can trust and can step in were he unable to fulfill his responsibilities. White said Farris was qualified enough to run by herself. Farris

trusts White in the same way.

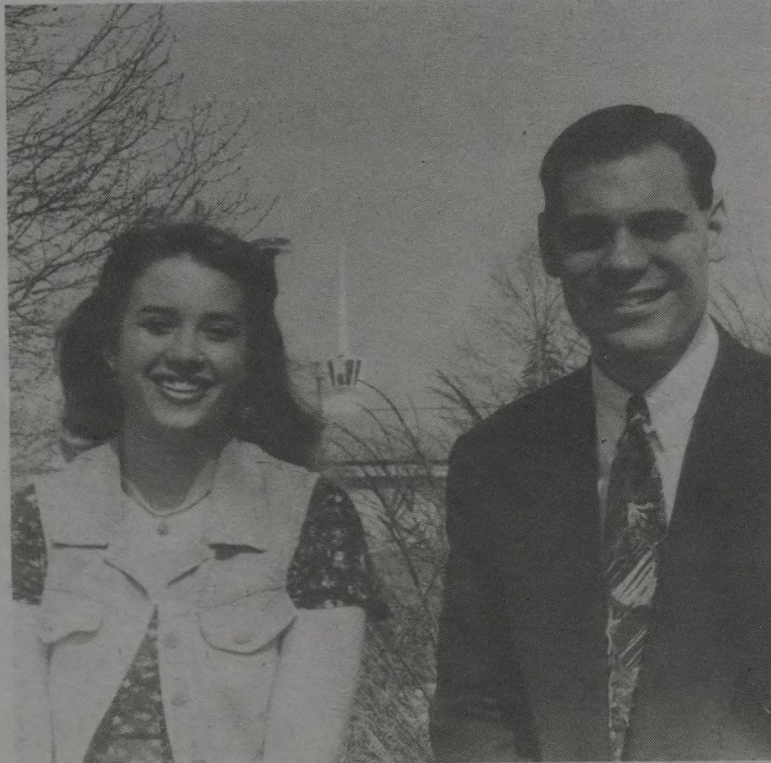
"I really have a lot of confidence in Brian," she explained. "I know that he knows how to conduct the meetings and bring the executive council together. Together we provide the common vision and goals that show a unified team."

Though White seems conservative and quiet, he claims that in junior high he had problems paying attention in class, often getting into trouble.

"When I was in junior high, I had a continual problem getting in trouble. My mom threatened me that if I got in trouble one more time, she'd come to school with me and follow me around. Well, I got in trouble again, and she followed me from class to class. When I had to go to the bathroom, she walked me to the door. She ate lunch with me, and it was just really embarrassing."

Farris' has had a similarly embarrassing moments such as when she visited Cedarville for the first time by herself.

"I was eating in the upstairs level of Chuck's, and on my way down the steps, I completely wiped out, all the way down — my food, my tray, everything. That was kind of embarrassing."



Brian White and Christy Farris anticipate a successful term as SGA president and vice president. Photo by P. Wallis.

Students Build Homes for LIFE in Florida and Louisiana

Amy Martin

Contributing Writer

For the fourth year in a row, Cedarville College students have spent their spring breaks constructing low-income housing. This time around, 35 students went in two groups, each of which worked to provide shelter for the homeless.

Led by Cindy Sutter-Tkel, Assistant Professor of Social Work, and senior Keith Hamer, the groups traveled to Florida and Louisiana to participate in a Habitat for Humanity-sponsored program called the Collegiate Challenge.

Twelve universities and colleges, secular and religious, participated including Taylor University and the University of North Carolina. In all, there were over 200 students finishing approximately 60 houses in all stages of development.

Sutter-Tkel says she has been impressed with the students who have previously participated.

"There has been good development of leadership with a deep commitment to the ministry," she said.

Sutter-Tkel is no newcomer to this challenge. She has been the organizer of the spring break trips

for the past four years. She has taken 25 students to Mexico City's Global Village where most of the community was living in cardboard and tin shacks.

Approximately 100 families were involved. She said that the students were able to work closely with the community. The families all pitched in to help and would not move in to their own house until everyone's house was completed.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical organization committed to helping families build better, more suitable homes with a feasible financial plan of payment. The organization raises money and receives donations to fund the building or repair of a home. Members of other social organizations volunteer their labor.

When the house is completed, the family that moves in volunteers 500 hours of their own time to build other houses. The result is housing at raw material cost, repayable over twenty years at a low interest rate.

Dave Pfahler, a senior at Cedarville, is one of the students who has accompanied Sutter-Tkel on the spring break trips and has become

"addicted" to the volunteering. It started last spring break when Pfahler, Josh Amos, Alicia Elmore, Melody Gbur, Keith Hamer, Amy Hickox, Brooke Higgins, and Amanda Whitmer joined together in Gainesville, Florida for a week of volunteer labor.

"When we got back, we thought we had really bonded as a group, and we decided that we wanted to stick together. We want to keep doing this kind of stuff," Pfahler said.

The group of students decided to organize their own social work chapter at Cedarville College.

This is how Homes for Labor Invested For Eternity (LIFE) began. The student-run organization received its official chapter acceptance this winter quarter. Homes for LIFE is organized like any other student chapter except it has a more conventional governing system.

Everyone on the founding committee has a specific job: Pfahler is the meeting facilitator, Higgins is the financial manager, Hickox is the Greene County board representative, Josh Amos is the SGA representative, Melody Gbur is the

publicity specialist, Keith Hamer is the work day coordinator, Alicia Elmore is the meeting coordinator, and Pam Sibole is the secretary. Sutter-Tkel is the organization's advisor, who said she is very optimistic about the organization's success.

The purpose of the organization according to the chapter constitution is to: 1) Support local housing organizations such as Habitat for Humanity of Greene County and SCOPE Greene County 2) Show Christ's love in truth and deed 3) Challenge the student body to consider their social responsibility 4) Abolish poverty housing.

Hamer organizes work days once a month when members provide their services to housing projects around the area, usually in Dayton and Xenia. They have been involved in Cedarville as well.

Last October, as an unchartered organization, the group painted the Cedarville Citizen Center. In April and May, the organization plans to help build four modular homes in Xenia's east end, a primarily lower income neighborhood. In May they will start a painting project for the

elderly in Xenia. This will be done under the sponsorship of SCOPE Greene County.

Higgins said she got involved with the organization because she thought it would be a good ministry opportunity. Several members say that the organization provides the opportunity for new experiences and meeting new people. Higgins says that it is enjoyable to do different things each time.

"It's a practical way to physically work for someone else and also for God," said Elmore.

The meetings for Homes for LIFE are not all business, said Elmore. Sometimes speakers teach new skills or explain new safety techniques.

Homes for LIFE encourages students to take part in the organization. Any Cedarville College student can participate in a work day, and anyone can become a member of Homes for LIFE as long as he has a commitment to the purpose of the organization. Anyone interested in joining the organization can contact Cindy Sutter-Tkel or any of the committee members.

Users "Flame" One Another on Electronic Billboards

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on the BBS the same way as they do in person. They see no need to pretend and may easily be hurt upon realizing they have been manipulated by a user with little regard for a realistic perception.

Todd Erickson, a sophomore, noted:

"A lot of people do not take the BBS seriously at all, and a lot of people take it very seriously. There is hardly anyone in between."

While one could argue that the realm of the BBS is a game and therefore perceptions are unimportant, the fact remains that this facet of the Internet has impersonalized communication.

"The network provides a sense of anonymity in communication, especially (through) the BBS and Usenet... there is an amazing confidence that accompanies anonymity... Sending e-mail has easily replaced the phone call around here. It's very cold, impersonal," said Dave Perry, a sophomore.

"People stop being people and

become a name on a list. When you don't have to deal with people face to face, you can become very self-absorbed. We have forgotten how to care," said Perry.

Forums, which are a major part of a BBS, are "rooms" in which users post ideas pertaining to a particular topic. Users may read and post in many different rooms discussing subjects that cover issues from dating to politics.

Along with the good debates, however, a user need not read too many posts before stumbling over heated arguments characterized by slander and hatred. When debates degenerate from reasonable discussion to emotional outbursts, logic often also begins to disintegrate, resulting in personal attacks on other users. The act of posting personal attacks in forums is known as "flaming."

As an example of the above process, consider the following. A debate recently surfaced in the dating forum of the Cactus BBS, which is operated by Cedarville College. The

discussion stemmed from the following quote, which came from an anonymous post:

"There are NO girls on the campus of Cedarville College. They are all too concerned with their hair and make-up."

Examine these excerpts from the posts that were written in response to the above statement. While the authors will remain nameless, it should be noted that the majority of the posters chose to post anonymously.

"Actually, there are no guys on this campus."

"I have seen more women at a Girl Scout troop meeting than I have on Cedarville College campus."

"Please point out the men to me that are on Cedarville's campus."

"No women on this campus... except for Mary Kay reps."

"Obviously you (men) aren't worth our time either."

The entire thread that stemmed from that one statement of opinion was characterized by posts such as these. While some users stated their opinions in a kinder, more logical manner, a reader who is emotionally distanced from the discussion can easily surmise that nothing beneficial was accomplished as a result of the posts.

Micah Cooper, an administrator on a Christian BBS, is aware of the tendency users have to attack one another in the name of debate.

"It's so easy to express anger toward another user. They're just a name. No face, no flesh, no heart, just another ego which you want to malign so that yours might increase," he wrote in a recent post addressing this issue.

Erickson suggests that what occurs on a BBS is actually a pattern for what life is like in today's society.

"This takes away all the social barriers and shows you what's really underneath. That's a dangerous aspect of (the BBS), the power it allows people to have," he said.

It can be argued that these people are merely exercising their freedom of speech. Let us bring the issue closer to home, considering the Internet users at Cedarville College, presumably all Christians. We have all heard much about freedom and responsibility. Nevertheless, this is an issue we must face as computer communication becomes more prevalent.

Some people assert that the best remedy for the problem is some degree of censorship. On the Cactus BBS systems, operators censor posts that contain swearing. (It should be noted that many Cactus users are not Cedarville students.) However, users in the discussion rooms are permitted to express generally any opinion they hold, although systems operators encourage mature discussion. Flaming is a normal part of debates and is not censored unless extreme.

Perry does not think censorship is the answer to promoting a more edifying BBS for users.

"I would say that (those who want to censor) are trying to stop the headache to cure the flu. Eventu-

ally it may help, but it's not very direct," Perry said.

Erickson agrees, saying the problems will not be solved "until you get to the basic foundation of what is causing them."

Simply put, the basic foundation is this: "Students don't care, and an attitude like that is hard to change," Erickson said.

There is little that one person can do to create a more edifying cyber-atmosphere. Problems are bound to persist until users relinquish their freedom of speech when it oversteps another person's boundaries and injures that person.

While some users prefer to believe facets of the Internet are part of a make-believe world, reality testifies that they are not. Reality consists of real people who have real thoughts and feelings. The fact that users cannot see each other does not give them liberty to destroy one another.

Cooper concluded his aforementioned post with these words:

"Everything in this life is based upon perception. The more you can alter others' perceptions of you, the more power you feel you have. An Internet BBS provides a unique format for an altered form of reality. Personally, I am struggling to decide if that's a good thing or bad."

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Final Four Touches Off Campus-Wide Basketball Fever

Jesse DeConto

Contributing Writer

March Madness made its presence felt in Cedarville over the past month. It began during winter quarter exam week when the first round match-ups, including the intriguing Purdue-Western Carolina match-up, began to interrupt study hours. The student body is filled with degrees of the basketball fan from social Final Four watchers to bracket-toting madmen.

These maniacs love their basketball and are not afraid to put their pride or even their cold, hard cash on the line while making informed, bold, or sometimes ludicrous predictions regarding the NCAA tournament. During the weeks leading up to the "Big Dance," hundreds of college hoop fans formed prophesy pools to test their ability to anticipate the outcome of each game in the 64 team, single elimination tournament. As the participants filled out their brackets, their minds filled with hopes of earning bragging rights or, for some, the more than \$100 prize that some pools offered.

Freshman Kevin Deichert was involved in two different pools. One was just for fun with his unit mates in Lawlor 28, and in the other one, each participant supplied \$5 to the pot.

"The pool with my unit was more fun, because the money took the fun out of the other one. I just handed in my sheet to someone I didn't know very well, and I ended-up giving my \$5 to total strangers," said Deichert.

That pool involved students from Johns Hopkins University, the Uni-

versity of New Hampshire, as well as Cedarville.

Though the financial drain may have corrupted the enjoyment of some of the contests, the picking winners and cheering on one's choices was still as fun as ever.

"Most college basketball fans acknowledged that the winner of that game would likely become the national champion..."

Most people predicted that the University of Connecticut, Kansas University, the University of Massachusetts, and the University of Kentucky would represent their respective regions in the Final Four. The latter two choices were proven when UK breezed through the Midwest; and in the East, player of the year Marcus Camby and the Minutemen routed a tough Georgetown team led by All-American guard Allan Iverson.

UConn's fate was not quite so cheery. The Huskies handily won their first two games before encountering Mississippi State which had defeated Kentucky in the South Eastern Conference tournament a week before NCAA championships began. Kansas made a successful run before losing to Syracuse in the

West Regional Final.

Unfortunately, the two best teams in the show, UMass and UK, had to face each other in one of the national semifinal games rather than the championship. Most college basketball fans acknowledged that the winner of that game would likely become the national champion by defeating either Syracuse or Mississippi State.

When the games were played on March 30, the Orangeman soundly stomped the Bulldogs and the Wildcats held off several late UMass rallies to set-up a championship

match with Syracuse on Monday night. Because so many bracket-bearers had chosen either the Wildcats or the Minutemen as probable champions, most of the pool rankings were decided before the final.

Thus, Monday was the night for the true fans. Surprisingly, Cedarville College houses a significant sum of Syracuse supporters. Not surprisingly, countless Kentucky fans piled into dormitory lounges and longed for the inevitable celebration.

As expected, the Wildcats left

East Rutherford, NJ as victors. However, the game was not without drama. In fact, like the Minuteman before them, the Orangeman appeared poised to make a late run. Unfortunately, their hopes for a comeback were thwarted when star senior John Wallace fouled out of his concluding collegiate contest with barely a minute left.

When all was said and done, the brackets were discarded, and students enjoyed the passionate purity of sports: the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

Golf Course to Come to Cedarville

Don E. Smith, Jr.

Staff Writer

According to James Phipps, mayor of Cedarville, the village is planning to build a golf course two miles outside of Cedarville on Route 42.

"We are hopeful that the course will go ahead. We have the contract for the land, and the estimation for materials is around \$2 million and another \$1 million for labor," said Phipps.

Phipps believes the village will benefit from the golf course.

"I am not the originator of the idea. This is a plan that several in the community have had for a number of years. This course is connected with municipal growth," he said.

He also noted that the costs for the course will not come out of the

pockets of the citizens, neither will the mayor or council benefit. If there were benefits, it would cause conflicts of interest.

Phipps pointed out other positive aspects in dealing with the course.

"I think it will bring jobs, and it will bring recognition. We want this to be nice and economical. We think people will see how attractive this area is and bring their businesses here. The object is to provide a good, clean recreational program," said Phipps.

According to town lawyer and village solicitor, Steve Bogenschutz, the golf course will be a welcomed change in Greene County.

"There is very little in the recreational way in the Jamestown area. Our hope for the golf course is for it to be competitive because there is a market out there for another course,"

said Bogenschutz.

Unfortunately, construction of the golf course has been delayed. According to Bogenschutz, the original figures have not worked as well as they hoped.

"The first financial figures looked good but made the project too expensive. Now I am working with the figures to fit with the market study we had done. Our consultant said he is very positive he will get the figures in line with what we anticipated," he said.

Phipps thinks they will be able to find a lower interest rate than what they have thus far been offered. If not, he says they will have to find some alternative means of funding, a means that will not cause financial problems for the city.

Oral Presentation of Mark Twain's Works Given By Martin

Don E. Smith, Jr.

Staff Writer

On February 26, Dustin Martin shared with Cedarville College "An Evening with Mark Twain" as part of his senior recital. Several of the students who attended his performance felt it was one of the best recitals put on by the Communications Department. The questions arise: Where does a recital begin? How does a recitalist come up with the idea for a senior recital? What steps does it take to get there?

According to Gary Barker, Assistant Professor of Communication Arts, Martin, a senior communication arts major, used the recital to flex his acting and directing abilities.

"He wanted to do something that involved other people and more traditional theater," said Barker.

According to Barker, the next step is to find what sort of play or dramatic presentation the recitalist should do.

"We looked through plays and sketch reviews, but he did not find anything he liked. So I told him to get back to the basics and see what he comes up with," says Barker.

"I would go to the library once a week or so and just try to come up with ideas," said Martin. "Then it hit me one day. Why don't I do highlights of an author instead of a theme, and that is when I thought of Mark Twain."

Martin explained that he used both works about Mark Twain and the author's own writings.

"He has books of short stories and collections of sketches, and that is where a lot of the pieces for the recital came from."

Martin narrowed Twain's works to a specific format for his recital script.

According to Barker, a recital is one of the most important events for a communications major.

"The recital is the capstone of what the student has learned in the communications department," Barker said.

He said that recitals reflect the hard work students have put their time into at Cedarville, and that hard work usually pays off.

The classes Martin took prepared him for his senior recital.

"I first had to take Dr. Robey's Fundamentals of Oral Interpretation. Oral interpretation is the big one, but you also have to take other classes in acting and classes on stage craft," said Martin.

These classes help build the con-

fidence of the recitalist as well.

"I feel I have real sense of comic timing," Martin said.

Barker said that Martin has an ability to both command an audience and adjust to its responses.

Senior communications major Carol Lee chose a different route for her March 29 recital of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women."

"I took the novel, cut it down to an hour long, and worked out the parts a little differently than with a theater approach as (Martin) did," said Lee.

Lee said that doing all the characters did not at first occur to her.

"In mine, the characters come in and out. This opens up for more interpretation. I really liked the way the characters interacted. What I really wanted to do is something centering around home and going

back to where you come from," she said.

Junior communications major Eric Sorensen is just beginning to think about his senior recital.

"I think it is something I will enjoy. The professors will invite you or ask you to do a recital," said Sorensen.

Sorensen also explained that the professors play a big part in the whole process.

"Dr. Robey encouraged me to pursue it. I am excited and am not nervous now, but it might change closer to it," said Sorensen.

Seniors in the communications department may choose to write a research paper instead of the recital, but Sorensen thinks that would not be nearly as interesting.

Cheerleaders Perform in First Ever Wheaton Competition

Jesse Deconto

Contributing Writer

Last weekend, the Cedarville Jacket cheerleading squad competed in the first ever Christian Collegiate Cheerleading Competition. The Jackets placed third in the squad division among such contenders as Anderson, Hope, and Campbellsville.

Sophomore cheerleader Scott Vandegrift said the team was happy with the performance, especially since it was the first time a Cedarville squad had ever competed. They competed in the squad division, which demanded proficiency in nearly every aspect of cheering. To complicate matters, the competition enforces strict guidelines for each routine.

"The routine can be no longer than two minutes and 40 seconds. The routine must consist of cheers, mounts, partner stunting, and music routine. It is combined together and must flow from one thing to another," said Cedarville coach, junior Monica Mennenga.

The squad has worked hard to



Cedarville's Cheerleading Squad: Lying: "The Bee" - Nathan Ho. 1st Row: Monique Shoaf, Carmen Huddleston, Monica Mennenga. 2nd Row: Lori Brown, Kelly Grady, Sarah Hennis. 3rd Row: Tom Sanderson, Scott Vandegrift, Jeremy Verwys, Doug Amundson. Photo by S. Huck.

prepare for this opportunity. According to Mennenga, they practiced four days a week for two and three hours at a time and came back from their spring break early to practice.

Cedarville College had never participated in such an event, so the group did not quite know what to anticipate. When asked beforehand how she expected the team to fare, freshman Elizabeth Hennis she said they had no idea. However, Mennenga said they would give 110 percent, and that whatever the result, it was sure to have been a learning experience.

Junior Doug Amundson said that he believed their positive attitude would carry them through.

"It is just the nature of who we are; I think you need to have an attitude of, if I may borrow from Colin Powell, 'perpetual optimism,'" he said.

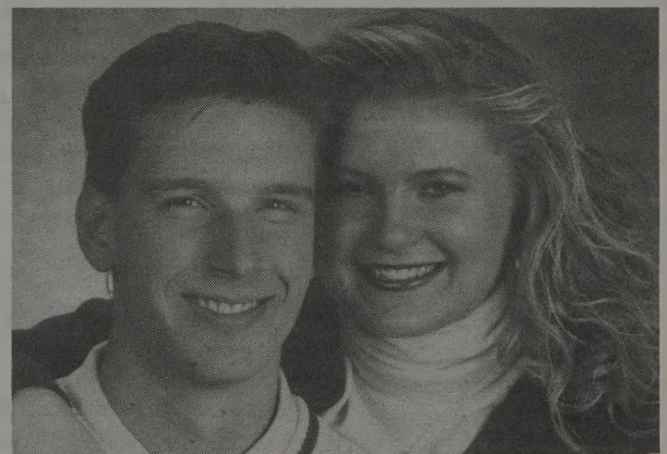
It seems this optimism stems from the squad's godly focus.

"I am very excited about this competition and know that, no matter how we do, we will be representing Cedarville and God in the most Christ like way: excited, energetic, spirited," said Vandegrift.

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Forensics Team Finishes Second in State-wide Tournament

Rhonda Carnahan

Staff Writer

The Cedarville College forensics team had another successful season this year, finishing second in the state. The team, directed by Dr. David Robey, Professor of Communication Arts, and assistant coach Gary Barker, Assistant Director of Communication Arts, competed against schools such as Ohio University, Ohio State, and Miami University.

Robey has directed and coached the team since he came to Cedarville in 1981. The team consists of 18-20 novice and varsity level students who compete in approximately seven tournaments each year. Cedarville students start competing by mid-October and continue until mid-February.

This year marks the 100th year of intercollegiate speech competition in Ohio. According to Robey, the term "forensic," as in forensic medicine, refers to investigation. In college forensics, the term refers to the process of investigating and exploring the ideas of our culture through research, writing, literature, and speeches.

"Forensics enables every student to practice the skills of communication: research, writing and delivery. It is of special benefit to the Cedarville student in that forensics allows them to share ideas with very gifted and talented students who are not Christians and who look at life in a totally different way," Robey said.

Derrick Green, a junior communication arts major, has been involved in college forensics for two years. He said that he decided to try out for the forensics team after he heard about some of the forensics team's accomplishments.

"One week in chapel, the forensics team was being honored for their accomplishments. They had at that point won five consecutive state championships, and I was really impressed by that. I knew that Dr. Robey must have incredible leadership and disciplinary skills that allowed them to be so successful. I then knew I wanted to be under his leadership to improve my communication skills," Green said.

Green's favorite event is impromptu speaking. In this event, contestants receive short excerpts on general interest, political, economic, or social issues. They have approximately two minutes to write before they deliver a five minute speech.

"This (impromptu speaking) is a pressure packed situation, and I really enjoy this. You can't prepare ahead of time. They have excerpts

all the way from Thomas Jefferson to Calvin and Hobbes. In one tournament we were handed a fortune cookie and had to prepare a speech based on whatever was written inside," he said.

Stacy Saville, a sophomore communication arts major, is at the novice level in forensics competition. Saville said that she decided to try out for the team because she has a

majority of the team, Robey said that a variety of majors are represented.

"We have very successful forensic students from many different majors. However, these students share certain common traits: they have a real desire to improve their communication skills, they are willing to work to see that their skills improve, they view competition as

achievement, awards are not the team's main focus.

"Our main emphasis as a team is not to win trophies and tournaments, but to positively represent Christ in the best possible way that we can. We want people to look at Cedarville and see something different. That is our main goal," Green said. Results of the state novice tournament at Bowling Green:

Daniel Scott — 3rd in duo with Jamin Ferner

Chris Vitarelli — 2nd in poetry, 4th in duo with Stacy Saville, 5th in after dinner speaking

Ruthanne Pierson — 3rd in persuasion, 3rd in prose, 3rd in trithon (a special category for students entered in all three of the basic genres of competition: public address, oral interpretation and limited preparation)

David Blackburn — 3rd in communication analysis

Jeremy Dunlap — 1st in communication analysis, 3rd in extemporaneous speaking

Laurie Weber — 2nd in persuasion, 2nd in communication analysis

Varsity competition at Heidelberg College:

Krista Price — 5th in persuasion

Derrick Green — 4th in impromptu, 6th in solo dramatic interpretation, 4th in trithon

Greg Dimler — 2nd in informative, 6th in communication analysis, 1st in dramatic duo with Charlie Dean, 2nd in trithon

Charlie Dean — 1st in dramatic duo with Greg Dimler

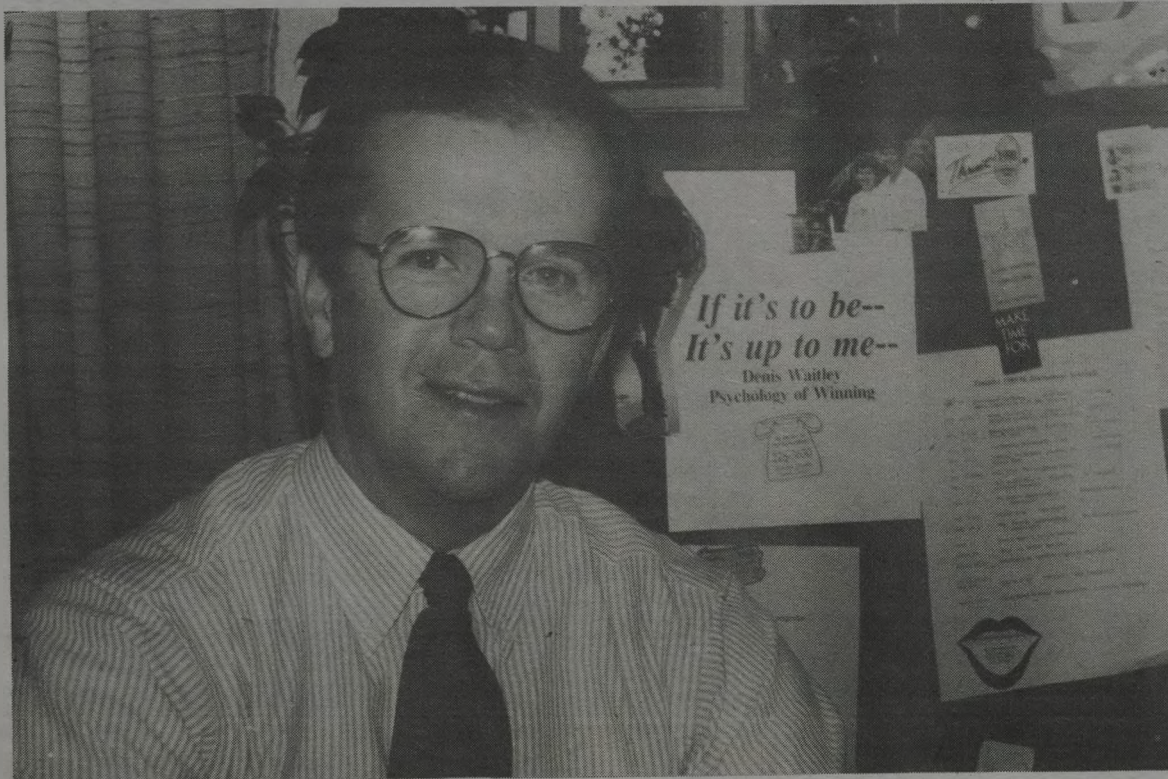
Angie Wenzel — 3rd in poetry

Eric Sorensen — 3rd in informative, 2nd in communication analysis

Tim Sturgis — 3rd in after dinner speaking

Jamin Ferner — 4th in solo dramatic interpretation

State sweeps:
4th place Ohio University with 230;
3rd place Ohio State with 376; 2nd place Cedarville with 470; 1st place Miami University with 499.



Dr. David Robey, Professor of Communication Arts, led the Cedarville forensics team to a second place finish in the state. Photo by P. Wallis.

passion for performance art. Saville also wanted to become a better communicator in order to represent Christ intellectually and confidently.

Saville said that being involved in forensics means being willing to spend many hours in preparation.

"We each spend countless hours memorizing, researching, rewriting, and being coached as well as running our speeches on our own and in our class. Our speeches must be current, so between competitions we could be conducting new interviews and adding new information. Sometimes we have to give our speech up to six times in one weekend," she said.

Saville said that there are several ways that competing in forensics has benefited her personally.

"Through my own experience and the example of students from other universities, I have become so much more confident speaking in front of an audience. In addition to all the technical experience I have gained, I also learned a lot about where our unsaved peers are coming from and the need for Christians in the area of communication," she said.

Though students who major in communication arts make up the

a means to enhance the communication process, and they have a good sense of humor. Forensics is stressful and a good sense of humor is very important," Robey said.

Green says that the Cedarville forensics team is respected and recognized as one of the best. But though it is nice to be recognized as a school with great forensics

Jamin Ferner — 4th in persuasion, 2nd in duo with Heidi Dean, 3rd in duo with Daniel Scott, 5th in solo dramatic interpretation

Heidi Dean — 2nd in dramatic duo with Jamin Ferner, 2nd in informative, 5th in prose

Stacy Saville — 4th in duo with Chris Vitarelli, 4th in informative, 3rd in poetry

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EMT's Serve Students in Stressful but Rewarding Work

Sarah Simons

Staff Writer

It was six a.m., September 20, 1995. Charity Brown, a freshman nursing major, opened her eyes. Dazed and half-conscious, she looked into the face of a Cedarville College emergency medical technician (EMT) who was looking her in the eyes and saying "Come on, Charity, wake up."

She thought she was dreaming, but the reality of the IV sticking out of her flesh made it clear that this was real. When she gained total consciousness, she was in an ambulance on the way to the hospital, where she was taken care of and released. Brown, a diabetic, had suffered from hypoglycemia as the result of extremely low blood sugar.

This is what the EMT's are trained for. The Cedarville College Emergency Medical Service (CCEMS) is made up of students who want to ensure the safety and well-being of the student body.

Brown, from Oregon, had been at Cedarville only five days when the incident occurred. One would think

that her first reaction would be to want to be home, but because of the caring and loving treatment of the EMT's, her physical and emotional needs were ministered to right here in Ohio.

"I didn't really feel like I needed to go home because of the way I was taken care of. Everyone was so nice, asking me what they could do for me," recalled Brown.

The next week she received a card signed by the EMT's letting her know that they were thinking about her and praying for her.

EMT positions are volunteer. They qualify as an EMT the same way as EMT's working for the city. They have to be ready to respond to calls day or night, no matter how serious the problem. To ensure a fast response time, they must stay within a two minute range of campus, which greatly reduces their freedom. Sacrifices do not go unrewarded. All of the EMT's have learned lessons as a result of their work.

"I've learned the value of life and the reality of death," said Donnie

Woodyard, a freshman nursing major, who has been working on emergency teams for four years.

Woodyard said the hardest part about his job is "being forced to make decisions that are life and death." The EMT's must remain calm under pressure and be able to make knowledgeable decisions in seconds. They are a team, and they must function as one.

"The bond between EMT's is a special bond that exists," Woodyard said.

Woodyard said that after a traumatic run, he likes to talk about it and share feelings with the other EMT's to deal with emotions. Sometimes they call in pastors to share with the squad and help them deal with the traumas they face.

It is important for EMT's to be qualified medically. Each must complete over 100 hours of course work and be state certified to serve on the squad, the same as any other EMS. Cedarville College was the first college in the nation to have an EMS.

Despite the success of the pro-

gram, it is currently experiencing financial problems. As of fall quarter, their main financial resource was cut off. They receive only a small amount of money each month from the college, enough to pay for gas expenses. They have several

needs such as new radios which will cost over a thousand dollars. Steve Berdet, captain of the squad, asks the student body to pray that their needs will be met so they can continue to serve the college.

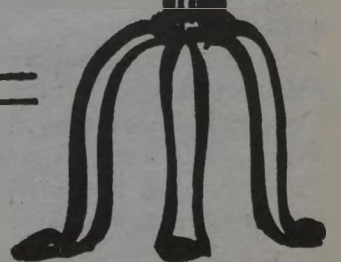
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Women's Basketball Clinch Sixth in NCCAA Nationals

Erik Larsen

Contributing Writer

Dribbling their way through a grueling 36 game schedule, the women's basketball team gave fans a season full of surprising upsets and thrilling victories. Led by fifth year coach Kathy Freese, last year's Mid-Ohio conference coach of the year, the Lady Jackets ended the season with a win/loss record of 16 and 20, and finished sixth at the NCCAA national tournament in Rochester, New York.

The key to their end-of-the-season success seems to have been the "never say die" attitude of the five starters, seniors Becky Cave, Melissa Hartman, and Cindy Cremeans, and juniors Amy Bathrick and Jill

Detwiler. They were assisted by a fine bench made up of sophomores Tami Matula, Robyn Paulin, and Summer Bennington, and freshmen Heather French, Elizabeth Hamilton, and Gillian Gombis.

Gombis and French played in every game this season, which bodes well for a strong future team. Newcomer Bennington saw action in each game also and averaged an impressive 10.2 points per game.

The areas of strength on the team became obvious as the season took shape.

"Both inside and outside games are strong. For example, in the first meeting with Oakland City our post players came through, while in Rio Grande, Jill Detwiler, an important

perimeter player, scored 41 points," Hartman, a senior biology major, said.

Apparently, the sting can come from within and without.

Cedarville beat Oakland City in a

hopes for next season.

Freese has been a constant encouragement to her team. Goals were established at the beginning of the season, and Bathrick said that those goals helped them to "remem-

team real life lessons on the court for use off the court. Hartman said she especially appreciated Freese's lessons in winning or losing.

"She taught us to thank God for what He's doing, to keep believing



Senior guard Melissa Hartman shoots a three pointer at Cedarville's game against Walsh. Photo by S. Huck.

Raspberry Jam Earns a Niche in Music Biz

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When Raspberry Jam first appeared outside their native sunny California at the 1992 Cornerstone Festival, they instantly became an underground favorite. Perhaps it was their uncommon blend of soul pop that attracted people to them, music that landed somewhere in the neighborhood of James Brown meets something a bit more potent.

They began to independently distribute a four-song self-titled EP which captured their unpredictable funkiness in a pristine quality sound recording. They remained in relative obscurity until 1994 when they released *CHI-RHO*, a full length album on the Metro One label. They are at it again with another Metro One release entitled *Oceanic*, which turned out to be a definite departure from their debut.

To fully understand where Raspberry Jam has gone with *Oceanic*, one must understand where it was before. *CHI-RHO* established itself as a band of musical surprises. Predicting the ending of a given song based on the beginning was something akin to predicting the second coming.

Oceanic is stylistically unpredictable compared to the majority of modern music, but as an album, it fits together well. It is a definite musical change from *CHI-RHO*'s funky vibes to a more airy feeling, like a soothing galactic ride with periodic turbulence. In this way, Raspberry Jam can be commended in terms of musical progression; it

seemed they had found their niche, but they kept searching, somewhat similar to what the Prayer Chain did with their album *Mercury*.

The new territory makes good use of new co-vocalist Destiny's voice. She often trades vocals with guitarist Phillip Kim for a very interesting vocal effect. Some highlights of the album include "Burns Like Fire," which begins as straight driving but constantly meanders around a thick groove, an effect in the verse which really carries the song. "Black Box" with its tingly tremolo and subdued white noise — as well as dual vocals from Destiny and Kim — is as contemplative and dark as the album gets.

The message of Raspberry Jam is refreshing in the sense that the perspective and approach can change from song to song. "Wonders of Love" is an airy pop number with a jazzy feel that contains a great message regarding faith and our inability as humans to fully and truly understand the love of God. Messages like this co-exist perfectly with tracks that appeal to an aesthetic sense, like the track that is simply a woman reading the poem "Easter" by the 17th century English metaphysical poet George Herbert.

Oceanic is a thoroughly enjoyable album, but it does take some getting used to if you are familiar with Raspberry Jam's previous work. If you are not familiar with them, check out *CHI-RHO* as well; it will make *Oceanic* all the more enjoyable.

career game for Bathrick, a junior elementary education major, who led the team in scoring with 15 points and ten rebounds. Bathrick missed a number of games due to recurring injury but has been one of many bright spots and has high

ber who we played for," and motivated the team.

She also cited Freese's important lessons such as "God never stops working on us, and life is a process."

Bathrick said Freese taught the

in the abilities He's given us and the people He has brought together. She believes in us, and she is confident in our individual abilities and the team as a whole."

270 Participate in SCORE Program

David Farrell

Contributing Writer

For the last five years, the Cedarville College Admissions Department has been effectively using a group of recruiters to promote growth. Unlike what one might expect, this group is not an organization of paid recruiters but is made up of students who volunteer to tell others about Cedarville College.

The Student College Recruiters (SCORE) program is a training program for Cedarville students to present information to prospective high school students during breaks.

During Christmas break, 270 students were involved with the SCORE program. Janice Supplee, director of SCORE and Assistant Director of Admissions, said the response was overwhelmingly positive.

"I did not have one person come back (from Christmas break) and say they did not want to do it again or that they did not enjoy it," Supplee said.

Participation in SCORE can have various levels. A student can simply take a bag of recruiting materi-

als to a church or school and drop it off. Other students get more involved by giving a presentation at their home church or school. Supplee said that giving a short talk about Cedarville is not difficult and can be very rewarding.

"Giving a presentation is very easy to do. You show a 30 minute video, then give a short personal testimony. That is followed by a question and answer time. It's a great and rewarding opportunity for students to give testimony about what God is doing in their lives and at Cedarville College."

Before going home and giving their talks, students attend three training sessions to enhance their presentation. Supplee said that SCORE constitutes a large part of Cedarville's recruitment.

"(SCORE) is the most important recruitment program Cedarville College has. While most colleges have two or three full-time traveling recruiters, we have only one and rely heavily on student recruitment," said Supplee.

Supplee feels that using students is an effective way of convincing a

prospective applicant to come to Cedarville.

"(High school) students best respond to a college student because they enjoy talking to you, and you are more credible to them than a paid recruiter because you have volunteered your time."

The response and effectiveness of the program has been outstanding. During this past school year the admissions office had 775 slots to fill, and because of effective recruitment from programs like SCORE, more than 2,000 prospective students applied.

Two colleges recently came to Cedarville to evaluate and study the admissions department and especially the SCORE program to gain insight to improve their admissions departments.

Supplee said the task is rewarding when you can influence the college decision of a prospective student.

"It is really satisfying to be part of helping a person make one of the most important decisions of their life," Supplee said.

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Major Tom Gives Advice For Living in a Baptist Paradise

Major Tom

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Professors give out most assignments at the beginning of the quarter. It almost seems gracious at the time...

"Thirty-two page paper on the footwear of Napoleon," they say. (Gasps, all around the classroom.) "But, I'm giving you 'til the ninth week of the quarter to hand it in." (Sighs of relief.) What we have here is a prime case of the bad news/good news tactic of reaction control. The following is a more clear example of this method.

Sven is calling his parents collect from Brazil to tell them he won't be home for dinner as he's just gotten married. He might be brave enough to admit that he purchased the plane tickets with their credit card. Does he say all of this outright? Obviously not.

The first confession goes more like this: I sold your house to the government, wrecked the car, and forgot to make my bed before I left; I've secretly been a cross-dresser since the age of six and in addition to all of that, I'm dead.

After the shock, anger and disbelief have finished with his parents, the actual truth of the Brazilian elopement will seem like the playful endeavor of a mischievous child. Actually, they'll probably still be a mite bit upset. But you get the point.

Fellow students, we're just not seeing it. What the professors are trying to do here is to make us believe that the syllabus requirements are all very *reasonable*, and that anyone who can't keep up must be a *slacker*.

Then they scurry out of the classroom and down a flight of secret stairs to that dark, sinister meeting hall where the academic sadists draw

up their schemes, in situations not unlike the following:

"So you've assigned an intense Bipedal Marsupial Dissection Lab worth 33 per cent of the class for the 25th? I think I could move this Undergraduate Dissertation Deadline back to coincide with that date..."

"Oh, no — why move yours back when we could move mine up? If Computer Services is up to it, we can even have the network crash that day!"

"Yeah, that'll be great! I hear they're usually happy to take the afternoon off and go golfing..."

Of course, there are a few students unaffected by such schemes. Several of these unnaturally gifted persons can be found on every college campus, who somehow finish everything a week before the due date.

Perhaps unnaturally gifted could better be called obscenely bored. I personally believe them all to be aliens visiting from a highly advanced planet, and they simply haven't figured out how to blend in very well yet. They're probably plotting world takeover and getting 4.0 mugs at the same time. It's a sick world.

But what of the rest of us, the pale mortals that succumb often to the temptations of the social life and most likely require time for nour-

ishment and a few hours of sleep as well? How can we have a good existence without suffering defeat at the hands of our conspiring instructors? If this dilemma describes your life, please read on for the basics, the pillars of survival, a way to eke out an academic existence in a minefield of tests and projects.

Pre-med: The best thing you can do is watch a lot of ER. The requirement for actors on that show is obviously a thorough training in the art of medicine, and even better than borrowing notes from the classes you miss is sitting down with some pop-corn in the lounge (if you can enjoy munchies during surgery) and absorbing a dramatic roller-coaster episode of med-school cliff notes.

You can even learn about the emergency room machines: they always have the beeping one with the bouncing line that tells the doctors when to get really excited and zap the patient (who is generally very bored with the whole affair). Remember that an emergency room is truly great only if it has the machine that goes "PING."

If I could give the pre-med majors one more piece of advice, it would be not to take the pressure too seriously. After all, there's just a bunch of cords inside us that need to stay connected. Try to keep the red stuff inside, and once you get

that far, I've heard its pretty easy to figure things out.

History: I know the price may be steep, but I would seriously suggest investing in a time machine. I once saw a documentary about how two high school students saved their grades this way by getting a little help from long dead historical figures. (It also revealed, in a more sensitive moment, Ghengis Kahn's sad, if little-known, substance dependency on Hostess products.) Even the worst procrastinator with one of these machines will never turn a paper in late again.

Engineering: It takes a big man to be an engineering major. It takes a bigger man to laugh at that man. I assume this field is mostly dominated by the aliens I referred to earlier, but if you're a full blooded human that got mixed up in the whole sordid scene, get out while you still can!

Bible: Never take the easy way out, or you'll end up getting burned at the stake. If you've gone and put things off until the last minute, why not try some course integration? Pray. Fast and pray. Reading imprecatory psalms to your professors is not advised or at least very rarely so.

Philosophy Majors: Say either "therefore" or "however" at the beginning of all sentences. If you are feeling defensive, accuse every-

one of begging the question. If something is false, do not call it false. Call it a "chimera," not a basilisk or a unicorn or a dragon but a "chimera." Everyone will know what you're talking about.

If you plead post-modernism and copy the little red hen into your blue book, you can always say, 'that's what I meant' when you get it back with a lot of red ink on it. Whatever you do, whatever you say, use the word "obtain." Use it frequently, and in unrecognizable contexts. The same applies to "derive," and a further list of words too long to dwell upon.

Psychology Majors: Psychoanalyze the professors. Prescribe drugs. Please. You may be our only hope.

Elementary Ed: HA! Made you look. Elementary Ed Majors don't get any advice. Oh, there was one thing — don't eat the paste. Do not encourage or allow the children to eat the paste. I had a bad experience with paste in kindergarten, but then, hasn't everyone?

My apologies to those whose majors have not been addressed, and to those whose majors have been merely addressed on the basis of worn-out stereotypes. What did you expect? In closing, always remember: if you have a two page paper that needs to be seven pages long, the font-size and the line spacing will be your bread and butter.

The Animated Press: The Trauma of Couples Who Congeal

The Animated Press

By Linette Steffens

Ah, spring, the season where new life is celebrated, that moment in time when the air smells of new life, and everyone whistles a cheery tune. Yes, it is that blessed time of the year when love springs anew, and couples spring up from nowhere.

However, in the midst of this glory is a darker, more grotesque aspect. I know you hate to hear the words, but they must be said. Spring is also known to cause a campus-wide rash of... VELCRO COUPLES! *play Psycho music here*

Yes, you have seen them before. Worse yet, you have heard them talk to each other in chapel. For those who have not heard them before, you may not understand what the big deal is. Well, I ask you to consider this typical conversation:

Him: Oh, my little pookey wookey. I wuves my little teddy bearsey wearsey. Does teddy bearsey wearsey wuv her little cookie snookie?

Her: Oh, my little snuggle bunny, of course teddy bearsey wearsey wuves her little cookie snookie!

I hope by now you see why it is imperative that I address this issue. I hate that I had to defile my computer by typing such nonsense. Indeed, Patterson Clinic is in danger of being overrun by students complaining of severe nausea.

"But Steffens," you ask, "What can be done? Worse yet, what if I become part of a Velcro couple myself?"

I am glad you asked. As we all know, recognizing the problem is the first step to recovery. And so, to all potential and actual Velcro couples, here are some warning signs. Seek help if you recognize any of the following as being characteristic of your relationship. Stop the madness.

You may be a Velcro couple if:

1. "Stuck on You" is your favorite song.
2. You are losing weight because you have run out of hands to eat with.

3. You have difficulty going places because both of you can't fit through the door at the same time.

4. You go through withdrawal within five minutes of returning to your dorm room each night.

5. People clutch their stomachs and beg for mercy whenever they see you coming.

If you recognize any or all of these symptoms, make an appointment with Sandra Entner immediately. If you cannot do it for yourself, do it for the rest of us.

This commentary would not be complete without a word to the innocent victims of Velcro couples: those who sit behind them in chapel, sit at the same table as them in Chucks, or have the same classes as them first thing in the morning. These are the true victims of Velcro. Take hope, all is not lost.

A support group is in the works for dealing with this kind of trauma. It is called Victims of Velcro Couples Anonymous (VVCA). Here, members can talk about it, cry over it, and learn practical ways

to deal with this gruesome virus.

For those of you who cannot join VVCA, you can try to avoid seeing these couples by not going to popular Velcro couple hang-outs. Such places include the back seats in chapel, the upper section in Chuck's, all parks and park benches, the Gavelyte, and anywhere close to Cedar Lake.

With the exception of the Miter Center, the coed lounges in the dorms are also dangerous couple hang-outs. Thanks to VVCA, the Miter Center is Velcro-resistant. Partial funding to build the Miter Center was provided by VVCA. Because of this, the furniture was specially designed to prevent Velcro couples from sticking too closely. Each couch is separated by sturdy wood dividers. Unless the couple is extremely petite, two cannot share the same cushion.

Now that you are prepared to handle the darker side of spring fever, enjoy the season in confidence.

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"Given the chance, what would you change in the SGA?"



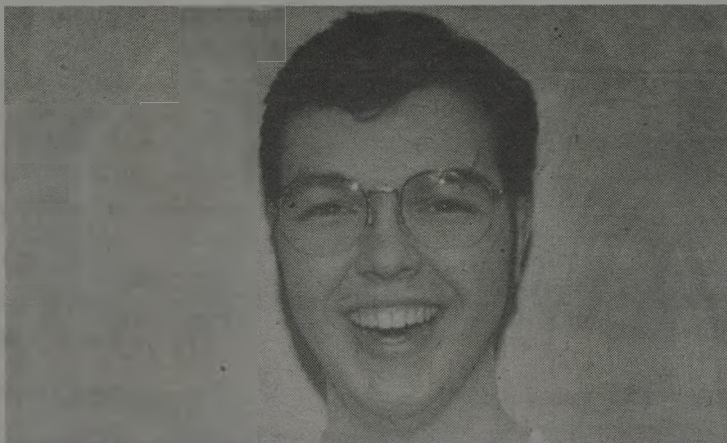
"I would like to see the president limited to no consecutive terms."
 -John Glick, Sophomore, History
 Favorite vacation spot- Any place warm, i.e. not Cedarville
 Favorite biblical character- the Apostle John
 Pop or soda- Pop



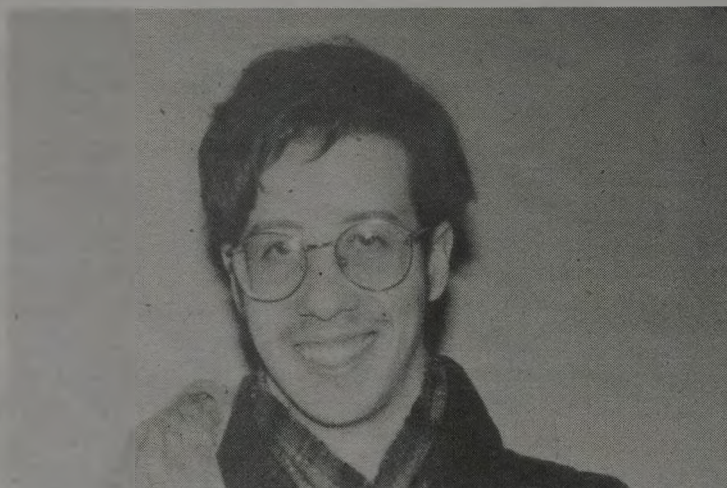
"Get rid of all the SGA minutes that we get on e-mail every week and just delete."
 -Tim Howard, Freshman, Mechanical Engineering
 Favorite vacation spot- Virginia
 Favorite biblical character- Daniel
 Pop or soda- Pop



"I would like to have more SGA chapels."
 -Brooke Frazier, Junior, Secondary English Education
 Favorite vacation spot- New England
 Favorite biblical character- Ruth
 Pop or soda- Soda



"I feel that SGA should change the voting system so that the student body can vote for anyone who is nominated, not just a select few."
 -John Anderson, Sophomore, Business Management
 Favorite vacation spot- Canada, eh?
 Favorite biblical character- Elijah, he was a hairy man.
 Pop or soda- Pop



"I would make it easier for students to be in contact with their senators."
 -Todd Musser, Freshman, Elementary Education
 Favorite vacation spot- Speculator, New York
 Favorite biblical character- Daniel
 Pop or soda- Soda



"I would like to have more singing in SGA chapel."
 -Jill Bollman, Sophomore, Secondary English Education
 Favorite vacation spot- Florida
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